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Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Title: *System and Method for Communicating Traffic Between Optical Rings*

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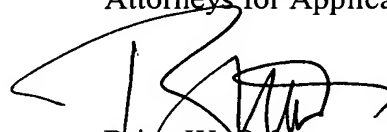
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